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AMENDMENT

In the Drawings

Please amend the Drawing Figures as follows:

Enclosed herein are Replacement Sheets presenting formal drawings of Figures 1-

3, which are to replace the informal drawings filed with the application.

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Applicant has reviewed the Notice of Allowance, including the Examiner's Response, mailed April 18, 2006. Claims 1 - 58 are being allowed.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(t). Enclosed herein are Replacement Sheets presenting formal drawing of the originally filed informal drawing Figures 1-3, which are believed to be responsive to and overcome the objection to the drawings. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for issuance. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. In the event the objection to the drawing figures is not overcome by this Response or that other issues arise in the application that may readily be resolved via telephone, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned Attorney at (410) 347-8754 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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